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## TWO HUNDRED DELEGATES ATTEND FIRST DISTRICT MEETING OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

MORNING SESSION WAS HELD IN THE FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

INTERESTING REPORTS OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WERE PRESENTED.

The First district convention of the First and Second congressional districts of the West Virginia Federation of Women's clubs convened this morning at eleven o'clock at the First Methodist Episcopal church in Fairmont avenue.

Up to noon upwards of two hundred delegates including the members of the Fairmont clubs had registered representing the 26 clubs of the federation.

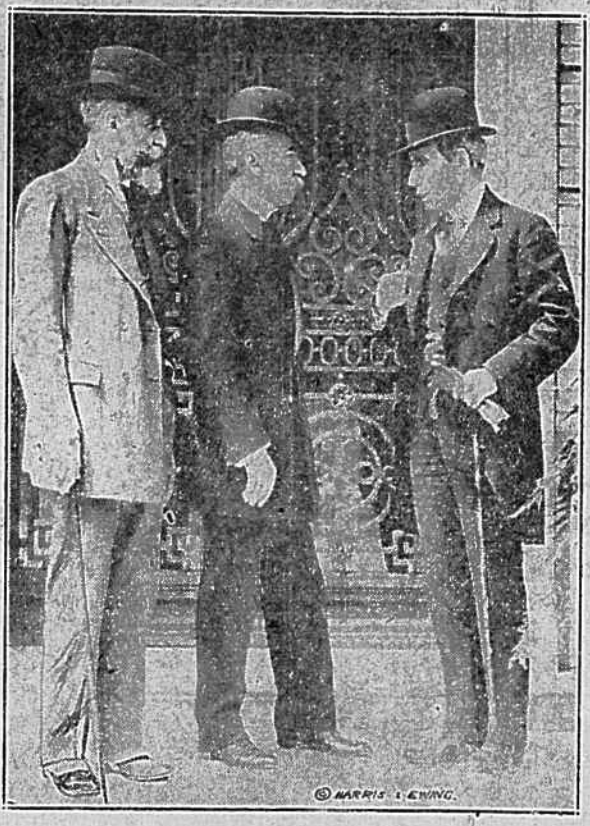
As the delegates and visitors entered they registered with Mesdames John R. Bennett and J. A. Meredith at the registering table and then proceeded to the assembly room where the morning session was held.

Mrs. R. L. Hutchinson, of Huntington, president of the State Federation was present and presided over the session.

Following the devotional exercises the addresses of welcome were delivered by Mesdames A. L. Lehman, of Fairmont, vice president of the First congressional district; and L. G. Lazelle, of Morgantown, vice president of the Second congressional district. These ladies in brief addresses welcomed the guests to the convention.

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## Three Mediators Discussing Trouble With Mexico



From Left to Right—Eudardo Suarez, Chilean Minister; Domicio da Gama, Brazilian Ambassador, and Romulo S. Noan, Argentine Minister.

### DOG EATS LICENSE: SALOON ORDERED CLOSED

CHICAGO, May 9.—A \$500 free lunch was enjoyed yesterday by Spot, a small terrier owned by Frank Shepherd, proprietor of a saloon in East Ninety-second street, and as a result the saloon was closed for several hours.

The dainty tidbit which Spot devoured was nothing less than Shepherd's license. As luck would have it, a policeman entered the saloon this morning and demanded to see the license. A few tattered shreds of it were all Shepherd could produce. Thereupon his place was ordered closed.

However, when the facts were related at the city hall some hours later the authorities permitted a duplicate license to be issued.

### Bandit Taken While Eating

GOLDFIELD, Nev., May 9.—Taken unawares while he was eating from a frying pan before a camp fire in a ravine near Goldfield, "Red" Cliff Regan, the notorious bandit who escaped from a posse of officers and citizens of Oasis, Cal., Saturday, when two of his companions were apprehended in a running fight, was captured by a sheriff's posse yesterday.

Regan's gun was lying close to him, ready for instant use, but before he could reach it, he was covered with rifles in the hands of a posse.

He submitted peacefully when he saw the odds were against him.

## STATE DEPARTMENT SETTLES TROUBLE

### ISSUES OVER CONSIGNMENT OF ARMS IS DISPOSED WITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt announced today that the state department had satisfactorily settled issues which had arisen over the reported consignment of arms to Gen. Huerta aboard the German vessel Kron Prinzessin Cecilia and Bavaria to be delivered at Puerto, Mexico.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—On receipt of information from American Consul Rogers at Havana that munitions consigned to Gen. Huerta on German ships would be returned to Germany as a result of action recommended by agents of the vessels, Secretary of State Bryan today announced that apprehension concerning shipments of arms to the Huerta government had been removed.

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### Hospital Fund Still Growing

FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS HAVE COME IN SINCE THE CAMPAIGN.

Since the close of the hospital campaign on May 30, several contributions have been received by the campaign committee. The total of the fund as reported on the last day was \$45,843.61 but since that time contributions have arrived which swell the total now to \$46,356.91.

The following is a list of the contributions received together with the names of the contributors:

E. B. Nuzum, Pensacola, Fla.	\$ 40.00
George David, Wheeling	25.00
A. friend, by Z. F. Davis, Court House	25.00
William Brown	5.00
Mountain City Encampment, No. 5, I. O. O. F.	20.00
Consolidated Telephone Co., Wheeling	250.00
John W. Davis, Washington, D. C.	100.00
D. C. Smith, Washington, D. C.	25.00
Clarence Lee, Barrackville	1.00
Rev. H. K. Ash, Fairmont	1.00
Heffner A. Lloyd	10.00
Richard A. Frank, Farmers' Mutual Fire Ass'n.	5.00
Total	\$507.00

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Smith have returned from a several days' visit in Baltimore.

Loyal Order of Moose—Notice.

Owing to the postponement of the funeral of Bro. J. H. Booher, all members of Fairmont Lodge No. 9 are requested to meet at the lodge room, 212 Madison street, Sunday, May 10, at 1 p. m., to attend in a body.

By order of Dictator.

### Militia Not To Be Called

WAR OFFICE DENIES KEYSTONE GUARDSMEN WILL BE MOBILIZED SOON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Denial was made by Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge and Col. Hale of the militia division, of the report that the National Guard of Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York would be called in the event that the United States massed an army of 50,000 men in Vera Cruz for a march to Mexico City.

Secretary Breckenridge denied that Gov. John K. Tener had communicated with him in Harrisburg with a view to getting the Pennsylvania troops ready for such mobilization.

No such plans as far as the National Guard is concerned is contemplated, according to Col. Hale.

## The Fall Of Mazatlan Seems To Be Imminent

### CITY OFFICIALS EMBARKED LAST NIGHT ON FEDERAL GUN BOAT GUERRERO

PEOPLE ARE IN A STATE OF TERROR AND HUNDREDS HAVE FLED.

By Associated Press.

ON BOARD U. S. S. CALIFORNIA, MAZATLAN, Mexico, via Wireless to San Diego, Cal., May 9.—The fall of Mazatlan seems to be imminent. The city officials embarked last night on the federal gun boat Guerrero and the steamer Limantour, both of which are ready to sail for Salina Cruz. The American brig "Geneva" was captured on the high seas April 26th by the Mexican transport Korriggan, according to information received here today. At the demand, however, of Captain Flagruder, of the United States cruiser Raleigh, the brig was released.

The federals have abandoned the gunboat Morleo. A wild shot from the Guerrero today passed through a street of the city, creating a panic. As a result of a three days' battle the town's people are in a state of terror and hundreds are fleeing. It is reported that C. E. Kelley, an American, and G. H. Williams, an Englishman, were killed and two other Americans were wounded near the El Favor mines.

### Two Bird Men Are Killed

WERE ATTEMPTING TO LAND WHEN THE MACHINE WAS TURNED ABRUPTLY.

By Associated Press.

STEPPIN, Germany, May 9.—Lieutenants Faber and Kurtz, German army aviators were killed today while attempting to make a landing here. The accident apparently was brought about by the pilot turning the machine too abruptly.

### Silliman Is Reported Safe

FRENCH LEGATION ASSURES THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIS SAFETY.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—American Vice Consul Silliman, reported imprisoned by Mexican federalists at Saltillo, is safe and well according to assurances made to the French legation in Mexico City by the Mexican war minister, transmitted to the state department here today.

## VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS A DOZEN VILLAGES IN SICILY

### REPUBLICANS NAME DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT CHARLESTON ON MAY THE 20TH.

MODIFICATION OF RULES GOVERNING CONVENTIONS TO BE MADE.

Republican district conventions were held in all the districts in the county today for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the state convention to be held at Charleston on May 26th for the purpose of adopting rules governing conventions and ratifying the changes made in the rules of the National Republican committee which are intended to give a fairer representation and prevent any such trouble as occurred at the Chicago convention.

The Fairmont district convention was held in the county court room at 2 o'clock. A. L. Heffner was elected chairman of the meeting and A. S. Fleming, secretary.

The following delegates and alternates were appointed for Fairmont district:

Delegates—T. W. Fleming, Charles W. Robinson, W. E. Arnett, M. E. Meragn, Dr. W. H. Kunst, J. R. Linn, Judge E. F. Morgan and Geo. E. Amos.

Alternates—F. R. Amos, M. C. Lough, A. S. Fleming, C. W. Walker, C. E. Sidwell, L. M. Davis, A. L. Heffner and Thomas F. Tucker.

The Union district convention was held at the First ward school house and was presided over by Dr. J. W. McDonald, chairman, and Z. F. Davis, secretary. Dr. McDonald, Z. F. Davis, John W. Mason, Jr., and Harry Shaw were elected as delegates and Z. W. Morgan, C. E. Hutchinson, J. M. Stiles and T. L. Cordray, alternates.

## No Estimate Of Casualties Has Yet Been Made But Death Toll And Number Injured Is Known To Be Enormous

### Soldiers Are Aiding In Restoring Order Tents And Provisions Have Been Forwarded To Scene Of Disaster

Authorities Have Commandeered All Available Automobiles To Assist In Rescue Work

By Associated Press.

CATANIA, Sicily, May 9.—Official reports late today placed the number of dead at 135 and the injured at 283. These figures will probably be increased when complete advices are received from the stricken villages. A greater catastrophe was prevented by the fact that the final severe shock of earthquake was preceded by sixty other shocks and many of the population had abandoned their houses and fled to the open country.

No estimate of the number of casualties has yet been made, but it is known that the damage was enormous.

The great gravity of the disaster was not realized until this morning, when reports came in from the surrounding country. The villages of Linera and Consentani were transformed into heaps of ruins.

At Zafferana every house was destroyed. Enormous damage was caused at Santa Cenerina. Roofs fell in and walls collapsed in the hamlets of Santa Maria Ammalati, Caricop, Guardia, Mangano, Santa Tecla, and Bongardo. The village of Santa Maria, Vergine, Catania, was razed to the ground. Fifty persons are known to have been killed in the village of Linera.

Among the ruins of Passopomo, Bongardo and Malati, twenty bodies had been found this morning.

Prefect Minervini, of Catania, and all the officials under his superintendency were called together before day break this morning and received orders to do their utmost to aid the afflicted inhabitants. They have since been working indefatigably.

The soldiers in the district are aiding in the effort to rescue those still alive beneath the ruins and to extricate the dead from the debris.

All available nurses were mobilized today and are assisting in gathering the homeless and the children who have lost their parents. Temporary shelter is being provided here for the refugees. Along the principal highway in the stricken district, the scene of desolation was heart-rending this morning. Groups of refugees were frequently encountered. Many were burdened with improvised litters made of branches of trees on which they were carrying injured and dying relatives to the temporary surgical stations established by surgeons and nurses.

In the neighborhood of Santa Cenerina the number of injured was very great. The authorities have commandeered all available automobiles to assist in the work of rescue.

The past several days earth quake shocks have been felt at frequent intervals accompanied by eruptions of Mt. Aetna. No particular attention however, was paid to the occurrences of the inhabitants of the district are accustomed to these agitations and the shocks were not exceptionally violent. The first severe shock was felt at 7 o'clock last evening, but the fact that this had caused serious destruction was not known in Catania for some time, as railroads and telegraph communications were interrupted.

The extent of the catastrophe was not realized until this morning, when terror-stricken groups of refugees began streaming into town.

The center of the disturbance was Linera. The proportion of dead and injured was heavy. The victims were mostly women and children. The property loss at Linera was also extremely heavy. The work of rescue was rendered difficult by the great accumulation of debris.

By Associated Press.

ROME, Italy, May 9.—Incomplete (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.)

## Is The Female Of The Species More Brainy Than Male

THAT IS QUESTION SCIENTISTS AT JOHNS HOPKINS ARE TRYING TO ANSWER AND GIRLS OF SENIOR CLASS ARE PUT THROUGH MENTALITY TESTS.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 9.—To speak a single word—the name of something easily qualified by an adjective. The subject of the test must, on hearing the noun, mention an adjective that might qualify the noun. The time record shows the subject's quickness in receiving and applying to mental impressions. Numerous picture tests have been given and all the usual psychological methods of measuring mental development have been used upon the Goucherites and Hopkinsites.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

City of Fairmont:

All persons owing city taxes for 1913, will please call at the Treasurer's office and make settlement of same.

The Treasurer is governed by the same law as the Sheriff of the county, and will be compelled to levy on property or return same delinquent.

All taxes on real estate now settled will have to be returned delinquent under the law.

J. R. MILLER, Treasurer.

### C. W. Post Suicides

By Associated Press.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., May 9.—Charles Post, the millionaire manufacturer of Battle Creek, shot and killed himself this morning. Mr. Post was stricken ill here suddenly several months ago and hurried to Rochester, Minn., aboard a special train for an operation. He returned here only recently apparently recovered.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., May 9.—Chas. W. Post was one of the founders of the so-called Health Food industry. His business interests here for the manufacturing of breakfast foods represented millions of dollars. Although Mr. Post's office address was in this city he had maintained a residence in Washington, D. C., for several years. Mr. Post was born in Springfield, Illinois, in 1854.

### The Weather

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Sunday; rising temperature Sunday.

Western Pennsylvania—Fair tonight and Sunday with rising temperature.